

# Quote

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## MAY WE *Quote* YOU ON THAT?

HENRY WALLACE was right in characterizing the N Y election of LEO ISACSON as a victory over machine politics. But this is true only because the Democratic machine was encrusted with the rust of neglect. Its manipulators proved incredibly inept in meeting a situation clear to sideline-sitters wks ago. A close analysis of ret'ns shows that ISACSON didn't win an election. Democrats gave him a victory by default. ED FLYNN failed to get out the normal party vote.

This was no test of WALLACE strength. Neither he nor his party was on trial. The American Labor Party, supporting ISACSON, is well organized in 24th Congressional District. WALLACE backed a horse that was setting a swifter pace than the other nags in the race. It is fruitless to speculate on what would have happened to ISACSON without WALLACE support. There is no ready answer to the one significant question: Who developed the success strategy employed in this campaign? Certainly every possible vote was squeezed out of the prejudices and tribal loyalties of a polyglot population. But even this would not have sufficed had half the registered Democratic voters gone to the polls.

One thing is assured: The election serves notice on Democrats that WALLACE is a man to be watched; that he may well prove damaging in factional fights.

Maj J A BOYD-CARPENTER, British Mbr of Parliament: "The dollar shortage is no more than a symptom of the fact that America is producing plenty of goods while we are merely producing plans." 1-Q

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Gov JIM NANCE McCORD, of Tenn: "Creation of a new party would re-echo the condition which led to the election of Lincoln." 2-Q

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ROB'T M HUTCHINS, Chancellor of Univ of Chicago: "Atomic bombs can annihilate all life on earth—but if war ceases, atomic energy can make man live as long as Methuselah." 3-Q

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WINSTON CHURCHILL, former Prime Minister of England: "The inherent vice of capitalism is the unequal sharing of blessings; the inherent virtues of socialism is the equal sharing of miseries." 4-Q

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Judge ANNA KROSS, of N Y Magistrate's Court: "A woman has to be 100% better than a man to receive credit for 50% of his ability." 5-Q

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W AVERELL HARRIMAN, Sec'y of Commerce: "Soviet Russia's strength is over-emphasized and over-advertised. The iron curtain could be penetrated by the force of a better life than that under a totalitarian regime." 6-Q

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Prof BRYN J HOUDE, of the New School for Social Research: "The American people are proud of the dollar. We shall be even more proud of it if we make it not only the symbol of our industry and skill but

the symbol also of our long-range wisdom and generosity. Let us give it away enough to relieve immediate hunger, lend it for the long-range statesmanship of the Marshall Plan, and control prices to preserve its purchasing power." 7-Q

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Dr SELDON E BACON, San Francisco Health Dep't: "It is a mistake to pass laws governing the treatment meted out to alcoholics until the whole mass of the public has been trained and educated into a radical change of attitude toward the whole situation." 8-Q

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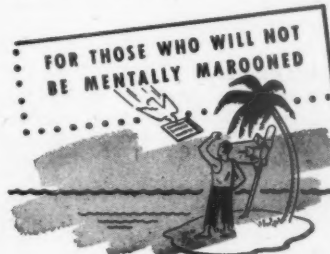
TOM CLARK, U S Att'y Gen'l: "The communists know, as Hitler did, that if they get the children today, they will have the nation tomorrow." 9-Q

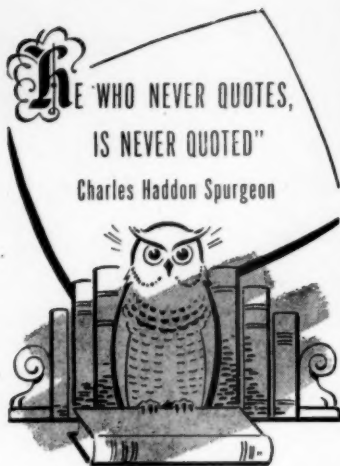
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OSCAR R EWING, Federal Security Administrator: "Public school education in America has become a lottery." 10-Q

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HARLOW H CURTICE, v-pres, Buick Motors Division of Gen'l Motors: "I don't think a man should have free speech when his speech is to tear down free speech. I think that is just ordinary common sense." 11-Q





#### AMBITION—1

The VA office in Newark, N J, recently received a letter from a vet asking for a list of all uninvented inventions, saying he didn't want to waste time on anything else.—*Bakers Review*.

#### BIBLE—Sales—2

The Bible has had an estimated total sale of more than 200 million copies.—Dr FRANK L MOTT, *Golden Multitudes*.

#### BIGOTRY—3

There is increasing wonder nowadays about religions other than our own, and that is a good thing. It is good because such wonder is imperative if we are to begin fitting ourselves for this world we live in. Bigotry was endurable in earlier times, for the planet was roomier then, and people could keep somewhat apart. But today our world is so shrunken that bigotry has become like cholera in a crowded camp.—LEWIS BROWNE, *Preface to the World's Great Scriptures*. (Macmillan)

#### BUSINESS—4

Business prophets tell what is going to happen; business profits tell what has happened.—*Cranberry Co-operative News*.

#### CHILDREN—5

A child makes the family ties stronger, days and nights shorter, the bank account smaller, clothes shabbier, home happier, life busier and the future worth living for.—*Banking*.

#### CHILDREN—Discipline—6

In speaking of delinquent children, an old colored woman once said to me: "There's nothing wrong with dem children, they just weren't riz right."—ALBERT A MURRAY, *Homiletic & Pastoral Review*.

#### CHROMATICS—7

Tests made to determine how manual workers are affected by colored illumination showed that each color stimulated their activity to a certain degree. With their production under ordinary white lights rated at 100, it was 104 under blue illumination, 121 under green, 130 under yellow, 159 under orange and 187 under red.—MEE MORNINGSIDE, *True*.

#### CRIME—8

Crime: society's permanent wave.—*Four Wing News*.

#### DEMOCRACY—9

Democracy, to survive, must be born anew in the hearts of each generation of youth.—*NEA Jnl*.

#### DETAILS—Significance—10

The roof of a bldg may be perfect, except that 1 shingle is missing. But if 1 shingle is missing, the roof will leak and allow rain to seep into the bldg, carrying the soot and dirt as it comes, thus soiling and discoloring the interior.—*Ark Baptist*.

#### DIRECTION—11

There are 2 ways of reaching the house next door. One is to travel all the way 'round the globe; the other is to walk a few feet.—ALAN W WATTS, *Behold the Spirit*. (Pantheon)

#### EDUCATION—Schools—12

The Calvert School in Baltimore is the leading correspondence school for children in the world. More than 70,000 youngsters have taken work ranging from kindergarten age to 1st yr high school. The school serves children of missionaries, gov't officials in foreign services, crippled children and those in remote rural areas.—*Everybody's Wkly*.

#### ENVIRONMENT—Changing—13

Yesterday's farm land is destined to become tomorrow's suburb.—WM MILLEN, *Washington Star*.

#### FREEDOM—14

Let us realize now and always that our freedom can't be bought with a checkbook; that everlasting, indi-

vidual effort is the only thing we can depend on; that the only road to correction is thru the ballot box.—HAMILTON HOLT, *Jnl of AAUW*.

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We must be willing to pay a price for freedom, for no price that is ever asked for it is half the cost of doing without it.—H L MENKEN, quoted in *Sante Fe Magazine*, hm, Sante Fe Ry.

#### GERMANY—Postwar—15

Latest fashion in Germany is a suit that provides men with a "new look." It is made from 95 patches sewn together and there is a choice of 18 designs.—*Reuters*.

#### GOV'T—16

This wry tale comes to mind when we observe the effort which the U S Gov't is making to turn the development of atomic energy to good ends, and the frustrations and sorrows that are encountered:

One day Confucius came upon a woman in deep mourning, and learned that her son had just been eaten by a tiger. "Not only that," wailed the woman, "but last yr my husband was eaten by the same tiger, and a yr ago my father suffered a like fate."

Confucius said: "This would not seem to be a salutary neighborhood. Why don't you leave it?"

"I know," said the woman, "but you see the gov't is so excellent!"—J ROBT OPPENHEIMER, "Internat'l Control of Atomic Energy," *Bulletin of Atomic Scientists*, 2-48.

#### GREAT BRITAIN—Food—17

An American visitor having his first meal in a London restaurant complained of the lack of variety in the *hors d'oeuvre*. He complained still more when told that that wasn't the *hors d'oeuvre*, it was the meal.—*Punch*. (London)

#### GROWTH—18

You can't grow young. You must grow old. But to do it gracefully you do have to grow.—HAL BOYLE, syndicated col.

#### HUMAN NATURE—19

Prof Hocking, of Harvard, asserts that human nature is the most plastic part of the living world. Of all animals, it is man in whom heredity counts for least and conscious building forces for most. Consider that man's infancy is

longest, his instincts least fixed, his brain most unfinished at birth. Man differs from other living beings in the vim and deliberate intentions of his self-shaping. Hocking sums up by saying: "To anyone who asserts as a dogma, 'Human nature never changes,' it is fair to reply, 'It is human nature to change itself.'"—RALPH W. SOCKMAN, "How Much Can We Be Changed?" *Pulpit*, 2-'48.

#### Tomorrow

*I saw Tomorrow marching by  
On little children's feet;  
Within their forms and faces  
read  
Her prophecy complete.*

*I saw Tomorrow look at me  
From little children's eyes;  
And thought how carefully we'd  
teach*

*If we were wise. — MYRTLE G. BURGER, Poetry World. 20*

#### INCONSISTENCY—21

In the Phillips Brooks House at Harvard Univ, there is a small bronze plaque under the bust of old Phillips himself which reads: "This House is Dedicated to Piety, Charity, and Hospitality." Directly under the plaque is tacked a white card with this message prominently inscribed thereon: "No Trespassing. Unauthorized Persons Are Not Allowed in This Bldg."—*Nation*.

#### LANGUAGE—Use of—22

An old sports writer held forth on the late Damon Runyon's extraordinary skill in covering an athletic event, and cited this example: "Yale won a crew victory from Harvard by a sensational last-min spurt. All of us racked our brains to bat out a lead that wouldn't be the same trite old thing. Here's how Runyon, who typed out his whole piece in 15 min's, began his story: 'The Yale crew today arched their backs like 8 angry cats and clawed their way to victory'."—BENNETT CERF, *Sat Review of Literature*.

#### LENT—23

Appropriate as it may be to give up smoking or eating more sweets than one's body requires, is it not far more important to give up habits that detract from personality or that actually may wound one's associates?

What people make of Lent de-

pends upon themselves. They who ignore it are the poorer, while those who keep it constructively are by far the richer when Easter dawns.—EDITH JOHNSON, *Daily Oklahoman*.

#### LIFE—24

Life is like playing a violin solo in public and learning the instrument as one goes on.—SAM'L BUTLER, *Autolycus*.

#### MONEY—25

The late Gertrude Stein did not often write very understandable English, but she could be doubly-clear when she wanted to, like this: "As a cousin of mine once said about money: Money is always there but the pockets change; it is not in the same pockets after a change, and that is all there is to say about money."—*This Wk*.

#### MOVIES—Influence—26

It is almost embarrassing to contemplate the fact that a single musical film, *A Song To Remember*, in a few wks brought Chopin's music to the att'n of more people than had been reached by the combined efforts of all the scholars, teachers, critics and artists of the world in nearly 100 yrs since the composer's death.—SIGMUND SPAETH, "Our New Musical Audience," *Think*, 1-'48.

#### OBSTACLES—Overcoming—27

Never let a difficulty stop you; it may be only sand on your track to prevent your skidding.—*Nat'l Messenger*.

#### ORIGIN—"Slang"—28

The word slang is believed to have originated from a Norwegian word meaning "to sling the jaw" and at one time referred to the cant of thieves, beggars and gypsies.—*Pipefuls*, hm, State Mutual Life Assurance Co.

#### PERSISTENCE—Reward—29

A red-haired talented Polish lad wanted to be a pianist. However, teachers at the Conservatory gave no encouragement. He was told that his fingers were too short and thick for the piano. Later he bought a cornet. The same answer was given to him with the statement that he should try another instrument. Passed around like a hot potato, he went back to the piano.

Embittered, discouraged . . . he chanced to meet the famous composer and pianist, Anton Rubenstein. The young Pole played for

him. Rubenstein praised and encouraged him. The lad promised to practice 7 hrs a day. Words of praise changed the entire world for Jan Paderewski. — LOY C. LANEY, "The Power of Little Things," *Optimist*, 2-'48.

#### PRESS—Power of—30

In America the President reigns for four years, but journalism reigns for ever and ever . . .—*Householder*. (England)

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The pen was mightier than the sword but is the typewriter a match for the atomic bomb?—*Ark Gazette*.

#### PURPOSE—31

Every one has some useful purpose in life, even if it is only to serve as a horrible example.—*Can-ning Trade*.

#### RACE—Equality—32

Not long ago a socially unconscious Hollywood housefrau married to a famed film director, was explaining her thoughts on the race question and the servant problem. "I believe in race equality," she stated. "A colored maid is just as good as a white maid."

#### RIGHTEOUSNESS—33

God never alters the robe of righteousness to fit the man, but the man to fit the robe.—*Expositor*.



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**AGRICULTURE:** Radio-agriculture may be one of the developments of the atomic age now dawning, French Academy of Sciences was recently told by Paul Becquerel, nephew of Henri, who discovered radioactivity. Nephew Becquerel states that treatment of seeds with solutions of salts of the radioactive elements greatly increases their yield. (*N Y Times*)

**AUTOMOBILE — Accessories:** Miniature record player for autos can be installed in glove compartment. (*Capper's Wkly*)

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Written instructions can be transmitted simultaneously to all dep'ts with Tel-Autograph. You write on a continuous pad and a facsimile of the written message is instantly reproduced on the receiving instruments. Device is particularly useful in press rooms and noisy offices. Mfr'd by Tel-Autograph Corp'n. (*Canadian Business*)

**EDUCATION — Aids:** The Visualizer Co of Calif is making an electric blackboard. Operator writes or draws on a transparent film and an enlarged image is reflected by a magic lantern on a screen above him. (*Newsweek*)

**ELECTRONICS:** New fuse contains glow lamp which lights when fuse blows, eliminating guesswork in fuse replacement. (*Everybody's Wkly*)

**OFFICE — Appliances:** Eradicable typewriter ribbon now available "Del-e-tape" ribbon does not smudge and minor errors are more easily corrected with an ordinary eraser without scuffing the paper. When even slightest erasure is undesirable the Del-e-tape eradicator will leave copy clean. (*Advertiser's Digest*)

#### RUMOR—34

The art of spreading rumors may be compared to the art of pin-making. There is usually some truth, which I call wire; as this passes from hand to hand, one gives it a polish, another a point, others make and put on the head, and at last the pin is completed. — JOHN NEWTON, quoted in *Good Housekeeping*.

#### RUSSIA—Sports—35

The Soviet Embassy in Washington reports that within the last 25 yrs Soviet Russia has built 3,500 gyms, 10,000 playing fields, and 650 stadiums. Sport organizations have trained 800,000 swimmers, 1,500,000 skilled hand-to-hand fighters and 5,200,000 expert skiers. Some 35 million people of all ages take part in athletic events—all of which are on a non-professional basis. — *Indiana Teacher*.

#### SAFETY—Fire Prevention—36

One cigarette costing a penny carelessly thrown on the side of the road started a forest fire in Maine which did \$8 million damage. — *Southwestern Advocate*.

#### SERMON—Preparation—37

Two priests were talking over their Sunday services. "How much time do you spend on your sermons?" one asked. "I spend a lot on mine."

"Oh," said the other, "just as long as it takes to get into my vestments and get to the pulpit. The Lord always has something for me to say. I never plan one in advance."

"Now take you. Mon you start thinking about what you are going to say next Sunday. Tues, you write it down. Wed you meditate over it and Thurs you rewrite it. Fri you give it a final polishing and Sat you memorize it. On Sunday you deliver it."

"Don't you see that all wk you have been exposing your hand to the Devil, and that by Sunday, he is all set for you? By my method, I have him groggy before he ever gets a chance to put up his gloves." — *KVP Philosopher*.

#### SIMPLICITY—38

The 3 greatest masterpieces in literature, it is said, are the Lord's Prayer, the 23rd Psalm and Lincoln's Gettysburg address. Incidentally, recall their wording: 'Our Father which art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name'; 'The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want';

'Four-score and 7 yrs ago.' Not a 3-syllable word in them, scarcely any 2-syllable words. All the greatest things in human life are 1-syllable things — love, joy, home, child, wife, trust, faith, God. All great things are simple things. — *Woodmen of the World Magazine*.

#### SPEECH—Speaking—39

Wm Lyon Phelps said that he actually made 4 speeches everytime he accepted the invitation to make one. The 1st was the speech he prepared in advance, the 2nd the speech he really made, the 3rd the speech he made on the way home, which he considered the best speech and 4th, the speech the newspapers said he made which bore no relation to any of the others. — *Christian Science Monitor*.

#### If Women Vote for Women. . .

What would happen if women voted as a bloc for only women candidates this fall? Chairman J Harold McGrath, of the Democratic Nat'l Committee, tongue in cheek, ans'd: "We would find ourselves addressing the occupant of the White House as 'Madame Pres.'"

"We would have 32 'gentlewomen' in the U S Senate."

"There would be 33 women governors."

"Even the dog catchers would wear skirts."

But McGrath concluded that this is not likely to happen this yr or any other yr. "Women," he said, "are too thoughtful to vote in blocs." — *A P.* 40

#### SPEED—41

How fast, or how slow, is a snail's pace? Univ of Maryland scientists timed a snail and announced that it moved at the rate of .000363005 m p h.—*VIOLA RAKOW, Your Life*.

#### SUCCESS—42

There may be splinters on the ladder of success but you don't notice them unless you are sliding down.—*Swanson Newsette*.

#### THOUGHT—43

Most people lost in thought are lost because they are strangers there.—*Nat'l Canvas Goods Mgr's Review*.

#### TRUTH—44

Some preachers take the edge off of the sword of truth by apologizing before they strike.—*J B GAMBRELL, Ala Baptist*.





### The beginning was small . . .

KARL BROWN, well known in the motion picture industry as director and writer of many Hollywood productions, has, in his 1st novel, *Incorrigible* (Duell, Sloan & Pearce, \$2.75), portrayed a character and a problem of our time—the juvenile delinquent.

Altho Skipper Ryan was only 7, he was in a solitary cell as an *Incorrigible*, all because Skipper, who knew nothing of the Ten Commandments, was born with the instinct to honor his father and mother. Dan Ryan, his father, was a drink-sodden, nerve-shattered veteran; his mother was a slattern. The psychiatric nurse said to Dan, "You're the filthiest excuse for a human being I ever saw — but you're the boy's father and he thinks you're God." With her help and the help of Miss Tait, the attendance officer, Dan honestly tried. He put Skipper in school and even worked at the school until one day a toughie besmirched the flag and Dan almost killed him. After that, there was nothing Dan could do. Finally, in desperation, Dan asked Miss Tait to adopt Skipper and with the money he'd saved, sent Skipper to a military school . . . Then the radio said Dan Ryan was a thief and that the police had killed him and his wife. Skipper ran away from school. He'd be a bandit, too!

Judge Cardigan looked at Skipper. A sullen Skipper who wouldn't talk or answer his questions. "Skipper, I have to send youngsters to the hospital because I have no place else to send them. With you, everything is exactly opposite. We have a place to send you, and you have people ready and anxious to fight to give you the best there is, and yet you refuse! Skipper, I can't commit you to the Military School, but I can commit you to the State Hospital, and unless you give me some cooperation that's what I'll be forced to do."

"Go ahead and commit," Skipper said grimly. "It's okay with me."

"All right, Skipper," said the Colonel, "but look at it from your old man's angle. In the 1st place, he never was a criminal, never a crook, never anything but a wounded soldier, only he was wounded in his mind and fatally injured. When he gave you to Miss Tait he knew the end was near, knew his name would disgrace you and injure your chances. Can you let him down after all that?"

"He's dead," Skipper said, "and I wish I was, too!"

The Colonel thought for a long moment. "Remember the flag? And what happened?"

Skipper nodded. As if he could forget!

"Lots of men have died to keep that flag flying because of what it would mean to those left under its protection. You were his flag, Skipper, and he felt that altho he was beaten himself, he could at least leave part of himself — you — to fly proudly above all his mistakes.

Skipper, you can't — you can't tear down his battle-flag!"

Well, when they put it that way there's very little a fellow could do, so Skipper went back to school. He put his old man's campaign ribbons on the wall. They seemed sufficient. They said all.

A sniffing whimper from his roommate enraged him. "What's the matter now!" cried Skipper.

The boy quivered. "I can't — I can't get my 'rithmetic lesson."

"Okay, let's have a look at it," said Skipper looking at the open page of the "First Steps in Numbers." "Nuthin to it," he said importantly. "Sit down, I'll show you how!"

But something was happening to Skipper. He was in the presence of someone lonely, someone who was reaching out to him, Skipper, for help. Someone was trusting him!

After *Lights Out* and *Taps* had sounded, Skipper was thinking that the same good-night was being sounded all over the world for other soldiers, both the living, like himself, and for others, like his old man. It gave him a sense of deep responsibility to be enrolled in a company that counted everyone from Washington to the Unknown soldier.

The beginning had been small: helping a little boy not to cry and to get his arithmetic, but it was a beginning, and it would grow. Everything in him shouted that he could grow to be big and great, and in many yrs perhaps to be worthy of his old man who had died for him.

It was peaceful now and there was no grief. Skipper fell asleep.



### Every Man Is Self-Educated

MARK HOPKINS, American educator, was born in Mass 146 yrs ago this mo. His emphasis on the development of the individual student can be noted in the excerpt below which is taken from the Inaugural Discourse delivered when he became Pres of Williams College in 1836.

We hear much said about self-educated men, and a broad distinction is made between them and others; but the truth is, that every man who is educated at all, is, and must be, self-educated. There are no more two methods in which the mind can make progress than there are two methods in which plants can grow. One seed may be blown by the winds to a distant hill, and there it may be so favored by the soil and climate that it shall lift itself in surpassing strength and beauty; another may be planted carefully in good soil, and the hand of tillage may be applied to it, yet must this also draw for itself nutriment from the soil, and for itself withstand the rush of the tempest, and lift its head on high only as it strikes its roots deep in the earth. It is for the want of understanding this properly, that extravagant expectations are entertained of instructors, and of institutions; and that those who go to college sometimes expect, and the community expect, that they will be learned of course, as if they could be inoculated with knowledge, or obtain it by absorption. This broad distinction between self-educated men and others has done harm; for young men will not set themselves efficiently at work until they feel that there is an all important part which they must perform for themselves, and which no one can do for them.

## You Can Use

Apparently even the often grim practice of dentistry is not above an occasional touch of whimsy. A friend recently had some dental work done. When it was all over the dentist picked up a different syringe from the one he had been using and gave his patient's mouth a good squirt with it. "That tastes very good," observed the patient. "What is it?"

"Oh," said the dentist casually, "that's rye whiskey. I just use it at Christmas time."—*Montrealer*, a

Berry Kroeger, narrator of "The Big Story," said that a timid friend of his had just ret'd from a hunting expedition thru darkest Africa.

"Every morning," revealed his friend, "I used to go out hunting tigers with a club."

"I imagine you were frightened," observed Kroeger.

"Oh, no, not at all. You see there were 50 mbrs in the club."—*Milwaukee Jnl.* b

"Smith," the boss said to one of the firm's correspondents, "this collection letter is entirely too harsh. Tone it down. Be diplomatic. Don't underscore 'you crooks' more than once." — H J HIGDON, *Phoenix Flame*.

"I hear you sold your pig."  
 "Yep, sold him this morning."  
 "What did you get for him?"  
 "Eight dollars."  
 "What did it cost you to raise him?"

"Paid \$3 for him and \$5 for feed."  
 "Didn't make much, did you?"  
 "Nope, but I had his company all  
 fall."—*Jnl of Education.*

A playwright decided to leave Hollywood and gave notice to that effect to his employer. The producer sent for him to try to dissuade him from this radical step.

"You can't make any money writing for the stage," the producer said. "Take your last play — how much money did that make?"

"Seventy-five thousand dollars," the playwright said, with some pride.

"See?" said the producer. — *New Yorker*.

### I LAUGHED AT THIS ONE

R TURNBULL  
Toronto, Canada

Just before World War II several British warships were steaming majestically into home port. The admiral in command—a most fastidious gentleman—ordered a message sent to the port commander to have his special laundress ready to take charge of the soiled linen that had accumulated during the voyage. Soon signal flags fluttered from the flagship, and not long after a chuckle rolled thru the entire fleet. For the message, for all to see, read: "Please tell Admiral's woman to be ready moment we heave-to."

When the effect of the message became apparent, the admiral turned on the unfortunate signalman. "I said washerwoman, not woman! Correct it!" he exploded.

Up fluttered more flags, as the fleet watched. "Correction. Insert washer between admiral and woman."—*True.*

The Capt on a transatlantic flight from Prague told about a passenger who was carrying on a conversation with the stewardess with the obvious purpose of impressing his fellow passengers with his English.

He asked the stewardess: "How high is this plane?"

She ans'd: "19,000 ft."

He nodded solemnly, thought for a moment, then called to the stewardess again: "How wide is it?" — *Christian Science Monitor.*

A Holborn woman whose husband had given her a ticket in the lottery was so keen to win that she persuaded the vicar of St Andrew's to announce from the pulpit: "The prayers of this congregation are required for the success of a person engaged in a new undertaking!" — *Tit-Bits*. London)

Bruce Marshall, author of *Vespers from Vienna*. *The World*. *The*

**Flesh and Father Smith**, etc., was being presented in St. Paul. In the front row sat Cardinal McGuigan. The chairman, with a slip of the tongue, introduced the speaker as the author of *The World, The Flesh and The Devil*. Instantly recovering himself, he turned to the Cardinal and said, "Your Eminence, I apologize . . ." Whereupon the Cardinal, in high humor, cut in with, "Don't look at me!" — NAPIER MOORE, *Financial Post*.

The group of kindly French people solemnly placed a wreath on the little mound of earth, and paused for a moment with bowed heads, then walked slowly away.

They couldn't read the English inscription on the rough-hewn slab of wood. It said, "Old Latrine, July 14, 1944." — *Parts Pup*, him, Genuine Parts Co.

One of the witnesses in a lawsuit was a woman, somewhat *passee*, but covered with jewels. She had dyed hair, was hopelessly over-dressed in an effort to conceal the ravages of implacable time. Asked her age, she replied calmly: "Twenty-six." The magistrate raised his eyebrows:

"Twenty-six? But I should have thought . . . What yr were you born?"

"Nineteen hundred," admitted the witness reluctantly.

"Oh, very well," said the magistrate, and, turning to the clerk of the court, "Put 'founded in 1900, restored 1921.'" — *La Domenica del Corriere*. (Milan)

In Austin, Tex., a funeral home wished to buy from the local CBS station a spot announcement of its services before and after a certain program on the *Radio Theater*. The station had to say "No," altho admitting that the morticians had a very slick idea indeed. The show the funeral home wanted to advertise itself before and after was a radio adaptation of *Nobody Lives Forever*. —BILL SMITH, *On the Air*.

# WISERACKS

OF THE WEEK



Gov Henry Horner, of Ill, once told this story to Wm Allen White: "When I was a boy, my grandfather told me that if I was to be invited to nice places, I mustn't crumple crackers in soup. I didn't, but I never had soup without wanting to. In 1933 Pres Roosevelt had 6 mid-western gov's to lunch. I was talking to someone at my left when from my right where the Pres sat there came a sound that froze me—the sound of crumpling crackers. I turned my head slowly, incredulously, and from the corner of my eye saw the Pres of the U S, scion of the bluest blood in America, crackling crackers into his soup with aristocratic assurance. I dropped whatever conversation I was making, seized my cracker with both hands, snowed them into my soup and damned my grandfather for 40 wasted yrs."—LLOYD LEWIS, *It Takes All Kinds*. (Harcourt, Brace) l

## Haymaker

A 19th Century philosopher once observed that the crop of clover depends on the number of old maids in any community. It works this way: The more old maids, the more cats in the community; the more cats, the less field mice that destroy the nests of bumble bees that pollinate the clover; therefore the more bumblebees, the larger the crop of clover.—Kablegram. m

If a woman is nothing but a rag, a bone and a hank of hair, a man is nothing but a brag, a groan and a tankful of air.—*Boston Naval Shipyard News*. n

After the teacher finished discussing Benj Franklin and the discovery of electricity, she turned to little Tommy, who hadn't known his lesson. "Now, Tommy," she said, "if you take your books home and study harder, you might grow up to be a great man like Franklin, who discovered electricity."

"Did he discover it?" asked Tommy innocently, "by reading a book?" — GERTRUDE C JOHNSON, *Magazine Digest*. o

A British barrister on his death bed willed his entire estate to fools

and madmen. When asked his reason for such a gesture, he repl'd: "From such I've had my money, and to such I make return."—*Partners*, hm, Nat'l Labor-Mgt Foundations. p

Tom Breneman's mother is a staunch fan of his radio program and often attends the broadcasts.

On a recent morning she was happily watching Tom go thru his familiar and hilarious routine. Finally, unable to restrain her pride, she leaned forward and whispered to the out-of-town visitor who was sharing her table, "How would you feel if that were your son?"

The woman watched Tom for a moment longer, then shrugged and whispered back, "Oh, you know how mothers are. I'd probably find some excuse for him!"—*Tom Breneman's Magazine*. q

A certain well-known actress possesses a faithful counterpart of herself in the fair, blonde beauty of her 11-yr-old daughter. One day mother and daughter visited the home of a friend, and while the elders conversed, the little girl amused herself by trying on several hats that were lying about.

Putting on a black, lace-trimmed affair which set off her light hair charmingly, the youngster remarked: "I look just like you now, Mother, don't I?"

"Darling," warned the startled mother, lifting an admonishing finger. "Don't be vain." — *Pure Oil News*, hm, Pure Oil Co. r

A minister who was very fond of pure, hot horseradish always kept a bottle of it on his dining table. He offered some to a dinner guest, who took a big bite. When the guest was finally able to talk, he turned reproachfully to the minister.

"I've heard many men preach Hell fire," he choked out, "but you're the 1st one I've met who serves it!" — *Louisville Courier-Jnl Magazine*. s

An energetic food salesman was trying to peddle some bananas to the mountaineer owner of a gen'l store located in the mountains of

A widower is a man who yearns to get married again and take a new leash on life.—*Woodmen of the World Magazine*. " "

The gals should remember that it takes 4 Springs to make 1 Leap Yr. —SEYMOUR SUSSMAN, P M. " "

An epigram is a sentence beginning with "women are" which hopes to get into a dictionary of famous quotations. — CHAS COLLINS, *Chicago Tribune Magazine of Books*. " "

THIRTY: When a woman's youth changes from the present tense to pretense.—PETE SIMER, *Wkly Progress*. " "

DOMINATING PERSONALITY: Something that is of no consequence if the other fellow is driving a truck. —Alexander Animator. " "

Mary had a little wolf and fleeced him white as snow. — JENNIE GELZER, *English Digest*. (London) -----

eastern Tenn. The mountaineer had never seen a banana, much less tasted one, so the salesman offered a bunch, saying: "Go ahead and taste them. They're good—bet you'll like them."

The mountaineer thoughtfully drawled: "Nope. Don't think I'll tech 'em. Got too many unsatisfied tastes right now." — JOHN NEWTON BAKER, *Woman*. t

An elevator operator with a line of chatter calls the floors with comments at the main postoffice in St Paul. Said he the other day, "Sixth floor. U S cleaners." The income tax offices are on that floor. — CEDRIC ADAMS, *Minneapolis Tribune*. u

Milton Berle calls Miami the land of milk and honey. If the prices don't milk you, the honey will. — *Tulane Univ Urchin*. v



# Mining

## THE MAGAZINES



### What I Can't Figure Out

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I had a wonderful time yesterday afternoon (back in the U S). I went to my hotel room, stretched out on the bed and called Room Service. I ordered an ice cream soda. Then I called the valet and asked him to press my suit. Then I asked a bellboy to buy all the afternoon papers and nat'l magazines. I had my shoes shined, I bought talcum powder and hair tonic, and I had a bath and then I had a shower. Almost any of these simple pleasures would have taken one day to 3 wks to obtain in Europe and would involve at least 3 municipal and 2 nat'l laws.

Yes, it's really good to be home. What I can't figure out is why everybody I've seen back home is so unhappy.—Talks.

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### Poor Scholar's Soliloquy

No, I'm not very good in school... Seems like teachers don't think you know anything unless they can name the book it come out of. I've got a lot of books at home — like *Popular Science* and *Mechanical Encyclopedia*—but I don't sit and read them thru like they make us do in school. I use my books when I want to find something out. In school, tho, we've got to learn whatever is in the book and I just can't memorize the stuff...

This yr I've been trying to learn about trucks because my uncle owns three. I know the horsepower and number of forward and backward speeds of 26 American trucks, some of them Diesels, and I can spot each make a long way off. I started to tell my teacher about how a Diesel works in science class when the pump we were using to make a vacuum in a bell jar got hot, but she said she didn't see what a Diesel

engine had to do with our experiment on air pressure so I kept still. The kids seemed interested tho.

I'm not very good in geography either. They call it economic geography this yr. We've been studying the imports and exports of Chile all wk, but I couldn't tell you what they are. I had to miss school yesterday because my uncle took me and his big trailer truck down state about 200 mi's, and we brought almost 10 tons of stock to the Chicago mkt.

He told me where we were going and I had to figure out the highways to take and also the mileage. He didn't do anything but drive and turn where I told him to. Was that fun! I sat with a map in my lap and told him to turn south, or southeast, or some other direction. I'm figuring now the oil cost, and also the wear and tear on the truck—he calls it depreciation—so we'll know how much we made.

I even write out all the bills and send letters to the farmers about what their livestock brought at the stockyds. I only made 3 mistakes in 17 letters last time, my aunt said, all commas. I wish I could write school themes that way. The last one I had to write was, "What a Daffodil Thinks of Spring," and I just couldn't get going...

Even in shop I don't get very good grades. I wanted to make an end gate for my uncle's trailer, but the shop teacher said that meant using metal and wood both, and I'd have to learn to work with wood 1st. I made a tie rack at school and the tall gate after school at the garage. My uncle said I saved him \$10.

Civics is hard for me, too. I've been trying to learn the "Articles of Confederation" for almost a wk, because the teacher said we couldn't be good citizens unless we did. I really tried, because I want to be a good citizen. I did hate to stay after school, tho, because a bunch of us

boys have been cleaning up an old lot to make a playground for the little kids from the Methodist home. We raised enough money collecting scrap to build a wire fence clear around the lot.

Dad says I can quit school when I am 15, and I am sort of anxious to because there are a lot of things I want to learn how to do. — *Childhood Education*.

### Going Acsop One Better

Once upon a time there was a Farmer who raised 2 chickens, took them to the city, sold them to a Factory Worker, and with the proceeds bought 2 shirts. So the Farmer had 2 shirts and the City Man had 2 chickens.

Observing the transaction, the Planner told the Farmer he could get more money for his chickens by making them scarcer. If he didn't raise so many he would get more income for those he did raise.

The Planner also told the Workingman in the city that he must work fewer hrs and get more money for his labor. This would raise the prices on the articles he made so he would have more money with which to buy.

So, the Farmer brought 1 chicken to the city mkt. He got as much money for it as he had previously gotten for 2 chickens. He felt fine. This was the life. But when he went to buy some shirts, he found that the shirts had also doubled in price. So... he got 1 shirt.

Now the Farmer has 1 shirt and the City Man has 1 chicken, whereas if they had not listened to the Silvery-Tongued, Pseudo-Economist, they could each have had twice as much.

And this, Children, is called "the more abundant life!"—*Right Hand*.

# This WACKY WORLD

Wife's comment to husband, pictured in Publisher Syndicate cartoon: "Must you try to finish what you were saying when I'm interrupting!"



